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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Edward E. Hahn on the
4 occasion of the celebration of his 100th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, Edward E. Hahn was born on November 30, 1908 in
6 Jasper County; he is the son of Samuel and Katherine Schmidt
7 Hahn; he continued to live on his family's farm until his
8 retirement in 1970, when he and his wife moved to Ste. Marie;
9 they have traveled to nearly all 50 states since their
10 retirement; and

11 WHEREAS, Edward E. Hahn was the oldest of 4 children; he
12 married Angela Spitzer in 1938; together, they have two
13 daughters, Madonna Schackmann and Mary Lou Kessler; Edward and
14 Angela also have 5 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 3
15 great-great-grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Edward E. Hahn received his education in a
17 one-room schoolhouse, where one teacher taught eight grade
18 levels and there was a one-mile daily walk for the children;
19 his sisters took piano lessons while he listened and watched,
20 eventually learning to play a saxophone and violin by ear; he
21 then began playing in a band in order to earn extra spending
22 money, an activity he continued until starting a family; and

1 WHEREAS, Edward E. Hahn can remember going from utilizing a
2 horse and buggy to the advent of automobiles to seeing a man
3 land on the moon; he started farming with horses before getting
4 a tractor and more modern equipment later in his life; and

5 WHEREAS, Edward E. Hahn learned to drive at a very early
6 age and continued driving until the age of 97, due to poor
7 eyesight; he boasted at that time that he had never had an
8 accident or ticket; in 2005, he and his wife moved to Newton to
9 be close to their daughter, Madonna, and they continue to live
10 independently with the help of their daughter and
11 granddaughters; and

12 WHEREAS, Edward E. Hahn has been a lifelong member of the
13 Catholic Church, attending services at St. Mary's in Ste. Marie
14 and currently at St. Thomas in Newton; he is also a Fourth
15 Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Edward
19 E. Hahn on the occasion of his 100th birthday; that we commend
20 him for achieving a long and fulfilling life; and we wish him
21 continued happiness and good health in the future; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Edward E. Hahn as a symbol of our esteem and
3 respect.